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Plague.

BRITISH INDIA.—July 24: Quarantine against arrivals from Bahrain suspended at the port of Orissa.

ITALY.—August 20: Quarantine against Brisbane and Port Douglas suspended.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—July 6 and 12: Ports of Tongkah, Hongkong, Saratow, and Amoy declared plague infected.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Plague at King Williams Town—Examination of rats and cats for plague infection.

The following is received from the medical officer of the Colony under dates of August 5 and 12:

Week ended August 5, 1907. During the week an outbreak of disease was reported at Izeli location, 12 miles, and at Dubus location, 7 miles, from King Williams Town. Investigations proved the outbreak to have been plague, conveyed by an infected native who left King Williams Town on June 23 for Izeli location, where he died on July 5. From him 5 other natives at Izeli contracted the disease, all of whom died, on July 13, 20, 25, and 26, and August 2, respectively. One of these cases went to Dubus location and there infected a native, who was subsequently admitted into the Grey Hospital, King Williams Town, on July 30, and died on August 1.

Of the cases under treatment in the plague hospital at King Williams Town, 1 case was discharged cured during the week and 2 cases remain under treatment.

Eighty-eight rats (including 27 found dead), 16 mice (including 14 found dead), and 4 cats (found dead) were examined, of which 5 rats and 7 mice were found to be plague infected and 23 rats, 7 mice, and 4 cats to be probably plague infected.

Week ended August 12, 1907. During the week no cases of plague were discovered, either in King Williams Town, Izeli location, or Dubus location. One case was discharged cured from the plague hospital and 1 case still remains under isolation and treatment.

One hundred and twenty rats (including 29 found dead) and 50 mice (including 23 found dead) were examined, of which 2 rats and 17 mice were found to be plague infected and 26 rats and 4 mice to be probably plague infected.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, August 19:

Week ended August 11. The following vessels were inspected and furnished with bills of health: August 5, the British steamship *Bellanoeh*, for New Orleans, La., with coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel; August 4, the British steamship *Ethelwalda*, for Pensacola, Fla., in water ballast, no passengers and no change in the personnel, and August 10, the Portuguese bark *Parknook*, for Fernan-

dina, Fla., in stone ballast, no passengers and with 4 new members of the crew signed on in this port.

At Rio de Janeiro during the week ended August 11 yellow fever caused 1 death; there were 4 new cases of smallpox, with 1 death, and no cases nor deaths due to bubonic plague. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 4 cases of variola, and 5 cases of plague.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports as follows: Week ended September 5, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 10,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
Aug. 29	Sarstoon	Newport News	37	5	0	0
30	Origen	New Orleans	27	4	0	0

One alien sailing for the United States during week.

CHINA.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Case of Smallpox on U. S. S. Pennsylvania at Cheefoo.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 8: Week ended August 3, 1907. Supplemental bills of health issued to 4 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 541; 3 vessels, 222 crew and 35 steerage passengers inspected; manifests viséed for 20,514 pieces of freight; 4 pieces inspected and passed, and 9 pieces disinfected. The effects of 3 steerage passengers were also disinfected; 3 emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *Persia* passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health department shows that there were 26 deaths from smallpox among natives.

One case of smallpox from the U. S. S. *Pennsylvania* is reported from Cheefoo.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Cartagena—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions—Smallpox present.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jacobs reports, August 27:

Week ended August 27, 1907. Bills of health issued: United States, 1; Panama, 2; passengers from this port, 54; passengers in transit, 110; members of crews, 282; passengers inspected, 74.

No quarantinable disease was reported by the authorities during the week. Sanitary condition of Cartagena and surrounding country, good. Smallpox is still present.